GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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LIFE SPAN OF RAILWAY ENGINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the average life span of the railway engines put in use on various narrow gauge and broad gauge routes particularly that of the railway engine operating in Kangra Valley (Himachal Pradesh); and

(b) the replacement rate of the various engines in use at various narrow gauge and broad gauge routes particularly the engines being used in Himachal Pradesh alongwith Kangra Valley Express train ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The codal life of broad gauge and narrow gauge locomotives working on Indian Railways is between 30 & 36 years. However, average life span of narrow gauge diesel locomotives operating in Pathanakot-Joginder Nagar narrow gauge section is about 30 years.

(b): The locomotives are replaced on age cum condition basis.